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1. Following is a more complete text of the communique issued by the Foreign Ministry announcing Argentina's invitation (through Admiral Montes) to the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, portions of which were excerpted in reftel:

"The objective of (Foreign Minister Montes') meeting (with the IAHC) was to formalize the government's offer -- within the context of the substantive taking dialogue which has been ~~taken~~ place concerning the current status of human rights in our country -- to go deeper into this question (in order to) verify the prevailing juridical/legal conditions on the spot.

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"On receiving this offer, the Commission, through its president, Dr. Andres Aguilar, underlined its good disposition and its intention to give detailed consideration to this offer.

"As is undoubtedly easily confirmable by virtue of my (Montes') very presence here, the Argentine government places the greatest importance on the maintenance of close collaboration (and) a constructive dialogue with the Commission. This is necessary and convenient for the better fulfillment of the corresponding responsibilities which, in relation to observation and promotion of human rights in countries of the region, pertain to the Commission and each government. In this case, we are pleased by the good disposition demonstrated by the Commission to develop a substantive dialogue with regard to the current situation in Argentina (which is) characterized by the application of exceptional measures which had to be adopted for the exercise of legitimate right of defense from terrorist attack.

"In the context of this dialogue and within the framework of the basic principles contained in the charter of the OAS, my government offers the Inter-american Human Rights Commission the opportunity to

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enter more deeply into the question through the means of a visit to Argentina with the purpose of verifying the juridical/legal conditions existing in the country."

2. Today's CLARIN (June 22) reports that the IAHRC may respond to Argentina's invitation today.



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